

Virginia Department of Social Services

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SUCCESSSES IN VIRGINIA'S CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

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Virginia Children's Services Practice Model

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- **We believe that all children and communities deserve to be safe.**
- **We believe in family, child, and youth-driven practice.**
- **We believe that children do best when raised in families.**
- **We believe that all children and youth need and deserve a permanent family.**
- **We believe in partnering with others to support child and family success in a system that is family focused, child-centered, and community-based.**
- **We believe that how we do our work is as important as the work we do.**



Child Welfare Continuum

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- **Child Protective Services**
- **On-going and Prevention Services (in-home cases)**
- **Foster Care**
- **Family Recruitment**
- **Adoption**



Successes: Keeping Children and Families Together

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***1.5 per 1,000* children
in Virginia enter Foster Care**





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New NYTD Completion Status Report - Located on the Main Menu

Caseload Management ^

- » Primary Assignments by Case Type
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- » Unit Dashboard - Cases

Cases ^

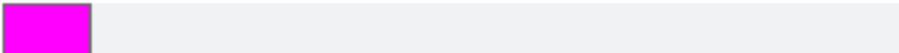
- » Case Type Time Open

Placements ^

- » Care Types
- » Foster Care Monthly Worker Visits
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- » Foster Care Visits (Federal Standard) - Federal Fiscal Year

Successes: CPS Referrals

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Timeliness of Contact		Count	%
Contact Timely		2,908	90.2%
Contact Not Timely		316	9.8%
Total		3,224	100%



Successes: Placement in a Family Based Setting

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Family-based Care		Count	%
Family-Based		4,013	85.4%
Not Family-Based		687	14.6%
State Goal		3,995	85.0%
Total		4,700	100%

Source: SafeMeasures; Clients in care at any time between 2/1/19 to 2/28/19

Successes: Setting Stability

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Setting Stability		Count	%
2 Settings or Less		1,708	83.3%
More Than 2 Settings		342	16.7%
State Goal		1,763	86.0%
Total		2,050	100%



Successes: No Abuse while in Foster Care and Re-entries within 12 Months

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Abuse While in Care	Count	%
No Abuse	6,379	99.9%
Abuse Event in Care	4	0.1%
State Goal	6,363	99.7%
Total	6,383	100%

Reentry	Count	%
First Time in Care	164	92.1%
Reentry w/in 12 Months of...	6	3.4%
Reentry 12+ Months After...	8	4.5%
State Goal	17	9.6%
Total	178	100%

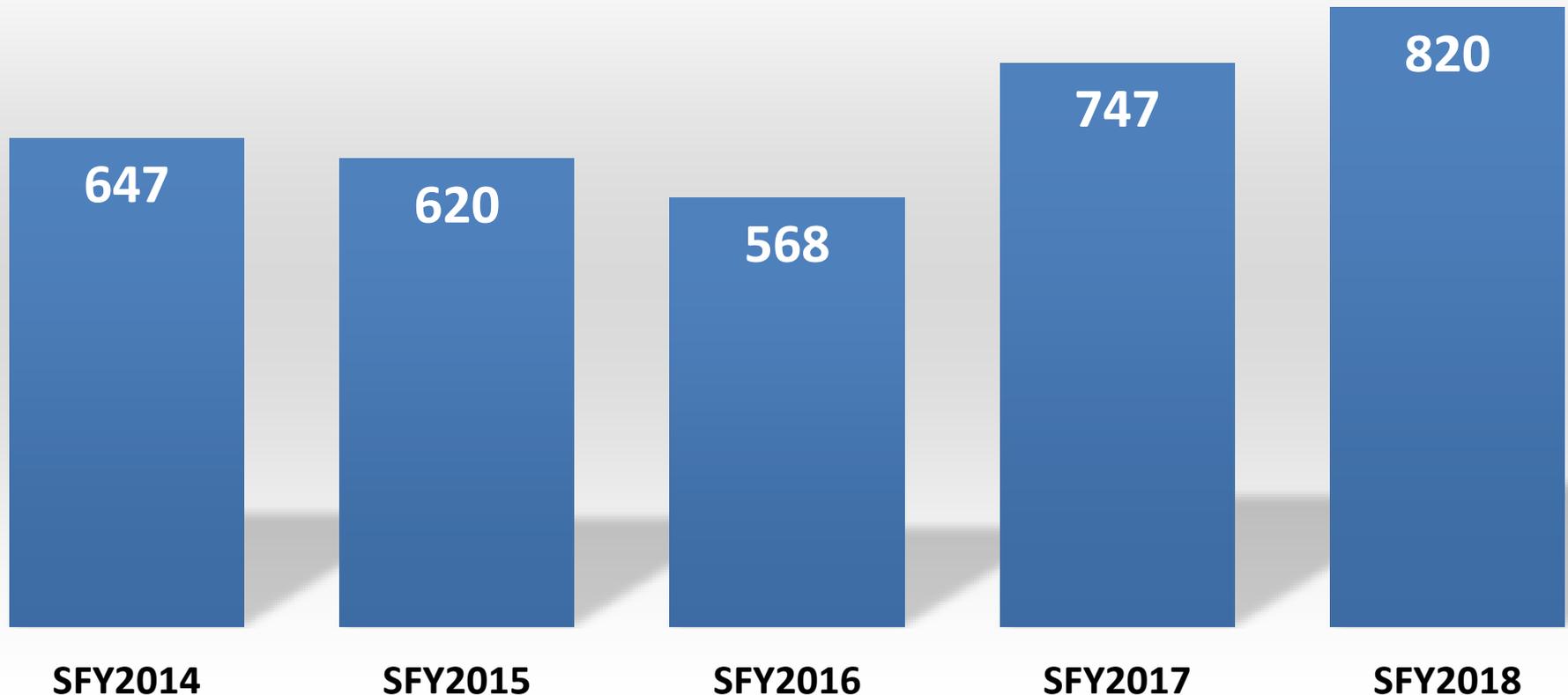
Source: SafeMeasures; No Abuse while in FC pulled from clients in care at any time between 3/1/18 to 2/28/19.

Re-entries within 12 months includes clients who have a removal date between 2/1/19 to 2/28/19

Successes: Adoption Rates

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of Adoptions



Child Welfare Stipend and Child Welfare Education Assistance Programs

- ❖ Recipients in these programs receive:
 - ❖ Targeted child welfare coursework
 - ❖ LDSS field placements
 - ❖ State foster care training
 - ❖ Auxiliary topical seminars reflecting regional child welfare workforce needs
 - ❖ Financial support



COMprehensive Permanency Assessment and Safety System

Mobile Application Key Features include:

- Enter new case notes and read/edit case notes from the case management system
- Utilize and complete assessment tools
- Access and update demographics and relationships
- Complete forms from a 'Form library'



Local Data: Bedford County

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Child Welfare Statistics, On a Local Level :

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April 2018- March 2019

- Valid Child Protective Service Complaints: 546
- Children Placed into Foster Care: 69
- Current Foster Care Caseload: 85
- Children Diverted From Foster Care: 326



Community Collaboration



School Based Family Service Specialists







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